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Bradshaw states rebels recaptured heights above Gualan after 45-minute fight this morning. They bombed barracks in Zacapa about same time and shortly after 11:00 a.m. were attacking Chiquimula. Guatemalan army this morning sent trainload troops from Zacapa in direction Salvadoran frontier.

Above information leaked to Bradshaw by person in despatcher's office which telephoned it direct to National Palace. He believes it reliable and thinks Guatemalan army depends upon railroads telegraph lines for principal communications between Guatemala City and zone of fighting.

Reported Chiquimula attack in apparent conflict with other reports of rebel withdrawal from Quezaltepeque towards frontier

Report plane strafed troop encampment Guatemala City (EMETHEL 1077 and 1079, June 22) questionable. Besides attacking gasoline tank. plane machine-gunned Protestant missionary broadcasting station doing several thousand dollars damage. Pilot may have intended attack government radio station.

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